

**DECEMBER 5, 2022**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday December 5, 2022, 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, Michael McClure with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Herb Galbreath, Joe Moyer, Frank Stalbaum, Don Ensign, John Spinks Jr. Randy Peterson, Fred Kasten, Connie Ehrlich, Leeann Wright, John Bawcum, Gary Kruger, Randy Davis, Glen Luedtke, Megan Galbreath, Chris Schramm, and Jeff Richwine.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN RE: FRIENDS OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY**

Don Ensign, along with Frank Stalbaum and John Spinks Jr., representing the Friends of the Veteran's Memorial Parkway (FVMP) appeared before the Commissioners to ask them to support development of a permanent memorial to those who have served and sacrificed in Middle East conflicts from Northwest Indiana, honoring those from Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke and Pulaski Counties. The memorial will be established on 1.5 acres in Hebron, Indiana. Their goal is to raise \$50,000.00 between public and private sources and asked for a \$1,500.00 contribution from Pulaski County. Commissioners will take the request under advisement as it will need to be determined where the funds would come from.

**IN RE: FRIENDS OF THE PANHANDLE PATHWAY**

John Bawcum and Fred Kasten from Friends of the Panhandle Pathway presented Randy Peterson from Abonmarche Consultants as their Project Manager. They requested partial use of the Sally Drive right-of-way that sets behind Alliance Bank, First National Bank, and McDonalds. Owners of McDonalds are only willing to give 10' so the path would take in part of the right-of-way and the other property owners have asked that the path be pushed further east. The Trail will continue north to the New Beginnings Church, eventually hoping to get past the Tippecanoe River State Park and further north. Trail will also go west and south and connect to existing trail in Winamac. A type of stop signal is being considered for crossing US 35 Highway. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to tentatively approve their plan, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve claims and payroll #23 and 24, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve November 11, 2022 minutes, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-10 establishing intent to conduct Commissioners' sale to sell tax cell certificates, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2022-10  
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE INTENT TO CONDUCT A  
COMMISSIONERS' SALE TO SELL TAX SALE CERTIFICATES FOR PROPERTIES  
THAT ARE SEVERELY DLEINQUENT IN PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, there are several properties in Pulaski County that are severely delinquent in the payment of property taxes, having been offered for tax sales and which received no bids equal to or in excess of minimum sale price. The parcel numbers of those properties being attached to this resolution as "**EXHIBIT A**", and **WHEREAS**, there is an assessed value associated with these properties for taxation purposes, but no taxes are being collected, therefore causing a lower than expected tax distribution to those taxing units and taxing districts within which the properties are located, and **WHEREAS**, the Pulaski County Commissioners desire to have these properties back on the tax rolls with taxes being collected, and **WHEREAS**, IC 6-1.1-24-6, *et seq.* allows for the Pulaski County Commissioners to acquire a lien on those delinquent properties and receive issuance of the tax sale certificates for those properties, without taking title to the properties, therefore limiting the liability and cost normally associated with taking title. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Pulaski County Board of Commissioners that the County Executive shall acquire liens and receive tax sale certificates of the properties listed on **EXHIBIT A** that are severely delinquent and sell said certificates at a properly advertised Commissioners Tax Certificate sale.

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Arrow Head Country sent information on available grants that will be provided to other County Departments.

The following conference request presented for approval:

**ASSESSOR: Marcie Perry, Level III class, Fort Wayne, March 6-10, 2023**

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve Conference Request from Assessor's Office as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve IPEP's Workers' Comp renewal quote, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer stated that the farm lease to Tim Alexander will continue without change. The Lease will be signed at the next Commissioner's meeting.

Ground by the "Old County Home" with barn has been sold.

Animal Control has a volunteer to feed the dogs at the recycle kennel. Is a volunteer covered under County insurance? Novotny will be contacted for information.

With no other business to discuss, Maurice Loehmer made a motion to adjourn at 6:35PM, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Signed and approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022 by **THE PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

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CHARLES MELLON

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MAURICE LOEHMER

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MICHAEL MCCLURE

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN